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GLEANINGS FROM AMERICAN ART CENTERS

French critics call attention to the prominent part taken by young American artists in the annual exhibition of the Société Internationale de Peinture. The "clou" of this exclusive salon undoubtedly was a fine portrait by Richard Miller. Two other young American painters with admirable exhibits were Mr. Lorimer and Mr. Frieseke. Among works of older American painters represented were marines by Alexander Harrison, which attracted perhaps the most favorable comment.

✿ The Cape Cod Pilgrim Monument will be built. Only \$2,500 now remains to be pledged to secure the payment of the state and government appropriations, and cause the great obelisk to rise from the yellow sands of the cape. It is proposed to erect a lofty obelisk upon the summit of the highest hill, equal in that to Bunker Hill. It will probably be built of rough-faced stone, to give a rugged appearance, and it will, when completed, be visible at a distance of thirty or forty miles at sea.

✿ It is expected an announcement will soon be made of a definite plan for the establishment in Toronto of an art museum of a national scope. It is understood that a well-known Toronto gentleman of means is at the back of the movement, and that he will head the subscription list for a considerable amount.

✿ The latest addition to Toledo's many clubs is the Women's Art Club, organized recently at the Toledo Museum of Art, with nineteen charter members. There will be two membership classes, one active and one social. The object of the club is the encouragement of art along the lines of painting, sculpture, basket-weaving, clay-modeling, and all original art work. Meetings will be held each week at the Art Museum, and annual exhibitions will be held. As every artist knows, there is a dearth of models in Toledo. The Art Club members will make a vigilant search for types, and will arrange life classes for each week, and provide for the training of models.

✿ The contract to construct the monument which is to commemorate the battle of Germantown has been awarded by the commission to John M. Gessler's Sons. It will be made according to the design of Frank Miles Day. The monument will cost \$7,500 of the \$10,000 appropriated by the Legislature, and will be carved from white granite. When erected it will stand twenty feet high. Bronze tablets, suitably inscribed, will be placed on two sides of the high rectangular block of stone, which will stand on a broad base, at either end of which will be a stone seat. It is expected the monument will be completed by January. It will be erected in Vernon Park, Germantown, between the old Wistar Mansion and Main Street.

✿ There is a plan under consideration in Boston to establish an arts and crafts high school. Dr. James A. McDonald, chairman of the school board committee on drawing, and J. Frederick Hopkins, director of drawing in the public schools, are undertaking the enterprise. Mr. Hopkins went abroad for the purpose of gathering material for a report which will determine whether or not an arts and crafts high school is possible or wise in Boston. Such a school would in no way interfere with or take the place of trade or technical schools. Nor is it an art school in the accepted sense. In fact, the proposed school will be "devoted to preparing young people, often children, from the humblest homes, to do the kind of work for which the experience of the Society of Arts and Crafts has shown that there is already a very considerable demand."

✿ A heroic statue of General Joseph Warren has been completed by Paul W. Bartlett and is to be erected in front of the Court House at Boston. The figure, which is ten feet high, shows the General standing, wrapped in a military coat, and leaning on his sword.

✿ A bill appropriating eight thousand dollars for a statue of Matthew Fontaine Maury, of Virginia, has been introduced in the Senate of that state by Colonel William H. Stewart, of Portsmouth. Maury is the officer who charted ocean currents and did much for commerce in other ways by increasing the safety and dispatch of sea travel.

✿ Cleveland will have one of the finest art school buildings in the country, in the structure that is to be erected at the eastern edge of Wade Park next spring. The building, which is now being planned, will be so constructed that additions can be made from time to time as they are needed, without marring the original design. The structure will have two stories and a basement, and according to present plans of the building committee, yellow pressed brick and terra-cotta will be used in the construction. Special attention will be paid to lighting and ventilating, the system in the latter instance being such that a change of air takes place in the building every thirty minutes. Through a skylight arrangement, all the class rooms will be well supplied with sunshine. It is also planned to have most of them, especially those in which painting instructions are given, receive a plentiful supply of north light. One of the features of the building will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of three hundred. This will be used for exhibition and lecture purposes and also for commencement exercises.

✿ Springfield, Massachusetts, is to have a memorial statue to the late President McKinley, to be erected on Court Square some time this Fall. The sculptor is Philip Martiny, who is at work upon the memorial in his New York studio. The plaster cast was furnished and set up recently and will be cast in bronze.